

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 5, 6, 7 and 9 to read as follows:

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5. [AMENDED] A method according to claim 4, in which the test antigen is a peptide selected from the group consisting of peptides having sequences identified as Sequence ID Nos. 1 to 7 hereinbefore specified.
 6. [AMENDED] A method according to claim 1, in which a positive result is indicated by levels of antibodies at least about two standard deviations above that of control samples.
 7. [AMENDED] A method according to any of the preceding claims combined with an assay an assay for antibodies to *Acinetobacter* species.

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9. [AMENDED] A diagnostic kit according to claim 8, in which the test antigen is a peptide having a sequence selected from the group consisting of Sequence ID Nos. 1 to 7 specified hereinbefore.

REMARKS

The present amendments are made to correct grammatical errors, a duplication in the claimed sequences and to conform with 37 CFR 1.821(d). No new matter has been added.

CONCLUSION

Applicants submit that the application is now ready for examination on the merits. Early notification of such action is earnestly solicited.